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The depths of Shabla lake were sounded in May 1956; the deepest part is 14 meters and shallowest part is 10 meters deep. The Bulgarians are planning to open Shabla lake to the Black sea by excavating a channel between the lake and the sea. Prior to the discovery of oil in this area, it was considered turning the lake into a submarine base to be used jointly by the Bulgarians, Rumanians and Soviets. However, with the discovery of oil, it was decided to use the harbor for oil tankers. There was, in December 1956, a 20 man guard post located east of the lake. Between the guard post and the lighthouse there was a coastal battery. On the hill west of the lighthouse there was an observation tower.

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